

5 KILLED, 35 INJURED IN RAIL WRECK

REP. 'BILLY' MASON DIES SUDDENLY

Famous Illinois Congressman Succumbs to Heart Trouble—Was 71.

Washington, June 16.—Representative William E. Mason of Illinois, died here early today from heart trouble.

Although Representative Mason had been suffering from a heart attack for several days, his condition yesterday was reported as showing improvement, and death came unexpectedly after a sudden relapse. The Illinois representative was 71 years old and formerly was a member of the senate.

Country School to Capital.

Chicago, June 16.—From school teacher in a small Iowa town to representative and senator in both the state legislature of Illinois and the national congress, was the record of William Ernest Mason, who died in Washington today.

He was born in Franklinville, Catawagus county, New York, July 7, 1850. When he was eight years old, he moved with his parents to Bentonport, Iowa, where he received his preliminary education at the Bentonport academy.

Lawyer 40 Years.

When only 16 years of age, he began his career as a school teacher, teaching in Bentonport during the years 1866 and 1868. He then went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he taught two years.

At this time he began the study of law. Moving to Chicago he was admitted to the bar in 1872. He immediately, being identified with that profession for more than 40 years. In 1872, he was married to Edith White of Des Moines.

His political career began in 1879, when he was elected to the state house of representatives. In 1882, he was elected a member of the state senate and four years later he was elected to the United States house of representatives, holding the position from 1887 to 1890. He was defeated for reelection to the United States house, but six years later he was elected to the United States senate and served in that capacity until March 3, 1903.

Criticized During War.

In 1916 he was again elected to congress as a representative-at-large and reelected to the 66th congress. In June, 1917, Representative Mason attracted considerable attention in the house of representatives when he declared he would offer a bill to repeal the conscription law or amend it so as to provide that conscripted troops should not be sent abroad without their consent.

Liked "Fish Stories."

Representative Mason was very popular of both indoor and outdoor sports. He was also fond of story telling and liked a good fish story. At one time he said "I like to fish and I think I know all about it. I can tell fish stories by the hour and I will always have the best one if you will let me tell mine last."

He was fond of football and baseball, particularly the latter.

"I never knew a bench too hard for me to sit on through a game of football," he once said.

During the 42 years in which Representative Mason was actively engaged with politics, he was regarded as one of the Republican leaders of Illinois.

Landis Arbitrator in Wage Parley

James Jurist Says Building Trades Settlement is "Toughest Job I Ever Tackled."

Chicago, June 16.—Judge K. M. Landis, arbitrator in the wage dispute between building trades unions and contractors here, hopes to make known his decision today.

Judge Landis terms his task "the toughest job I ever tackled," because of the lack of any standard to guide him. Representatives of both the unions and contractors have presented their evidence.

A lockout in the building trades was declared May 1, when unions refused to agree to a 20 per cent wage reduction from the prevailing \$1.25 an hour for skilled labor and \$1.00 an hour for unskilled.

About 20,000 workers returned to millions of dollars worth of construction was resumed a few days ago when Judge Landis was expected as arbitrator to fix the wages for one year.

GOVERNMENT IS PEACEMAKER IN RAIL RATE ROW

Harding Smooths Difficulties Between Factions.

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Washington, June 16.—The government has intervened effectively in what might have been a serious situation for the California fruit growers and at the same time would have established a principle of vital importance to those American shippers everywhere who have found it cheaper to transport their goods by water than by rail.

Briefly, the railways have been petitioned to reduce their freight rates on western fruits. President Harding himself has lent his influence to the movement for lower rates for California products. Now the railroads have come forward with a proposal that if the western fruit growers will sign a contract agreeing not to ship by water through the Panama canal a lower freight rate will be given the shippers.

Carriers Feel Moral Inferiority.

This move has been called a "hold-up" by the California fruit growers who enlisted the help of the Harding administration. The matter was fully discussed at Tuesday's cabinet meeting and while the government had no legal power to prevent the contract from being signed, it was evident that the moral influence of the administration could be made to weigh heavily with the railroads.

Word comes today from some of the railroads that they will not insist upon the clause of the contract requiring the California shippers to give up water transportation. Should all the roads make this view, the matter will be amicably adjusted, but it is significant that the principle involved in the transaction caught the eyes of the government and was carefully studied with a view to preventing a recurrence of such contracts as they involve land and water transportation.

The suggestion has been made by administration officials that while the government itself could not legally prevent the making of such an agreement, the water transportation companies could bring action against the railroads under the federal trade commission act which governs unfair trade practices in competition.

Water Route Slow.

The railroads have been charging about \$1.90 a box for shipping fruit to the Atlantic seaboard while the same box can be shipped by water around the canal at a rate of \$1. Of course water transportation is not

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"PEGGY" IS HIT BY "LEGAL MUD"

Even Joyce Blinks At Epithets of Lawyer Against Former Chorus Girl.

Chicago, June 16.—(United Press.)—Pretty Peggy Joyce was spattered with "legal mud" today as the counter-offensive of J. Stanley Joyce was resumed in divorce court here.

The actress was again the target of Alfred Austrian, attorney for the third millionaire husband, who is fighting Peggy's demand for \$10,000 a month alimony.

Peggy was described by Austrian as a beautiful siren who dug deeply into the purses of her three millionaire mates.

Joyce, who was in court with his brother, blinked at the epithets his attorney hurled at his wife.

As Austrian asked Judge Joseph H. Sabath to compel Peggy to appear in court here, word was received by Chicago customs officers that Peggy had flown to New York.

Customs officers wanted Peggy to give an accounting of the jewels she has in order to check up charges made that she smuggled some into the country.

"Peggy Joyce will come out and face all her accusers when the right time comes," Wesley South Kirkland, her Chicago attorney, stated in court today. "She is not a smuggler."

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FLAYS BAKERS AS PROFITEERS

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THE WEATHER

Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Friday.

Highest temperature yesterday, 90; lowest last night, 70.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .25.

12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, .36 73 74

Wet bulb temp., .77 69 71

Relative humid., .66 80 86

River stage at 7 a. m., 5.2; no change.

River Forecast.

Slightly rising stages in the Mississippi river will occur from below Dubuque to Muscatine during the next few days.

E. E. UNGER, Observer.

ASKS VIEWS OF HARDING ON LEAGUE

Hamilton Holt in Long Letter Criticizes President for Inaction.

New York, June 16.—Hamilton Holt, magazine editor, who headed the delegation of pro-league Republicans that called on former President Wilson during the last presidential campaign, today made public a letter he said he had written President Harding asking him to explain to the American people the terms of the Harding association proposed to supplant the Wilson League of Nations.

Threatens Political Doom.

"If you delay much further, people everywhere will inevitably conclude that you have no concrete plan at all, else that you propose to put party harmony above world welfare," Mr. Holt declared. "In that event, there will be nothing left for those who want America to play her rightful part in stabilizing the world but to organize the country so as to capture congress for the league in 1922 and the presidency in 1924."

Mr. Holt asserted could be done. He declared that the League of Nations and bolshevism were the only great ideas that had come out of the World war as panacea, and asked the president whether he could guarantee that the world would not turn to bolshevism if it became generally believed that he had no plan at all for the substitute of the league.

Mr. Holt, a member of the League to Enforce Peace, took a hand in the last presidential campaign by making public a list of 100 Republicans who had bolted the Harding ranks.

Text of Letter.

The text of his letter follows: "It is now six years that the League of Nations issue has been before the country. It is now two years that you as senator, presidential candidate, president-elect and president, have had the League of Nations issue officially before you."

"As senator, you voted to have the United States enter the existing league, provided the Lodge amendments were made part of that act of ratification.

"As presidential candidate you left the country and even your own followers in doubt as to your attitude. Thirty-one prominent Republicans, among whom were your secretary of state, Mr. Hughes, and your secretary of commerce, Mr. Hoover, assured their fellow countrymen that you would go into the existing league. Senators Borah and Johnson and other 'irreconcilables' assured them you would not."

"Both Sides Claimed You."

"As president-elect you did not see fit to disclose your attitude on the league beyond what you said during the campaign. Both the 'irreconcilables' and the 'pro-league' claimed you for their own."

"As president, however, you have unequivocally repudiated the existing League of Nations, whose area comprises considerably more than half the earth and whose population numbers three-quarters of the human race. You even permitted without rebuke your ambassador at the court of St. James to say you will have nothing to do with any commission or committee appointed by the league or responsible to it, directly or indirectly, openly or fraudulently."

"You have nevertheless, as presidential candidate, repeatedly promised during the campaign, and as president you have reiterated that promise, that you will seek to establish 'an association of nations,'"

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ASK FOR ACTION ON LAFOLLETTE 'LOCKOUT' BILL

A. F. of L. Delegates Call on Senate to Investigate.

Denver, June 16.—The American Federation of Labor today by resolution, called upon the United States senate to adopt the LaFollette bill providing for a federal investigation of the nation-wide "lockout" of seamen.

Attacks Shipping Board.

The resolution, introduced by the International Seamen's union, declared that a "combination of European and American ship owners, aided by the United States shipping board have up to this moment been busy thwarting the American people in their legitimate desire and purpose to share in the overseas commerce, and in building for America a sea power corresponding to the American seaboard."

The convention adopted a resolution calling for a congressional investigation into conditions of the cotton mills of the south. Every assistance was pledged by the federation to the United Textile Workers, now conducting a strike of more than 15,000 workers in these mills.

Denver, June 16.—Two international unions have demanded that the convention of the American Federation of Labor in session here instruct President Samuel Gompers to immediately re-affiliate the federation with the International Federation of Trade Unions.

Reaffirm Gompers' Action.

This became known today when resolutions presented by the International Association of Machinists and Firemen and Others' union were made public. Both practically call for a repudiation by the delegates of the action of President Gompers, and the executive council in severing relations with the European labor movement because of its "revolutionary activities."

As both resolutions were referred to the committee on international relations, which is headed by President Gompers, labor leaders predicted that they would be reported unfavorably and the action of the federal official act upheld.

Ship Workers Will Fight.

The United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, comprising a membership of 250,000 will make a fight on the floor of the convention for reinstatement in the federation, it was learned today. The union was suspended in 1919 because of a jurisdictional dispute with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Crude Oil Is Down 25 Cents

All Grades Are Affected—Is Second Reduction Within a Week.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 16.—The second reduction in the price of crude oil within a week was announced here today by the principal purchasing agencies when another cut of 25 cents a barrel on all grades was posted.

New prices are: Pennsylvania crude, \$2.50; Cornish, \$1.40; Cabell, \$1.31; Somerset, \$1.10; Somerset Light, \$1.30, and Gasolene, 15c.

Steadily increasing stocks was given as the cause of the reduction.

GERMAN BONDS ON MARKET.

Washington, June 16.—Absorption of substantial blocks of German reparations bonds in American financial markets can not be avoided, the federal reserve board stated.

The administration's bill giving municipalities power to regulate their public utilities and changing the name of the state public utility commission to the Illinois commerce commission was made a special order for today.

The Young bill fixing the corporate tax rate of Chicago at \$1.55 and the downstate rate at \$1.33 1-3 was amended to exclude the garbage, tuberculosis sanatoriums and other public activities, from the downstate tax. As amended in the house the \$1.33 1-3 would have included these taxes. The rate is made effective in 1923.

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The civil service commission favorably reported the Wheeler bill which exempts approximately 2,000 state jobs from civil service.

BRITISH RAID ON IN ULSTER

Airplanes, Cavalry and Motorcycles Used—5,000 Persons Captured—Some Released.

Belfast, June 16.—(United Press.)—One of the most extensive military raids yet attempted in Ulster was under way in County Monaghan today.

All military units were employed in a dragnet which practically covered the county. Airplanes aided the movement and cavalry and motorcycle squads sped over the rough roads, cutting off the escape of Sinn Fein sympathizers.

More than 5,000 persons were captured in the first rush but in most of them were released. A few were held to be taken to a prison camp where they could be examined at leisure.

HOUSE PUTS SIXTY BILLS IN DISCARD

Sends 39 to Senate and Starts Work on Those Passed by That Body.

Springfield, Ill., June 16.—All house bills which did not reach a roll call in the house last night were swept off the house calendar this morning. They numbered more than sixty. The house sent 39 of its bills to the senate, defeated a few and turned its attention for the remainder of the week to the consideration of bills passed by the senate.

Two railroad bills received crushing defeat in the avalanche of the night session. One was the bill to carry crews of at least five men on all passenger trains and all freights under 50 cars long, and an additional brakeman for every additional 25 cars. The bill, introduced by Representative Hart of Kane county, received only 50 votes.

Representative O'Grady of the stock yards district, gave up his fight for a bill requiring railroads to install automatic signal lights at every highway crossing in the state when the roll call indicated that the bill would fall far short of receiving enough votes to pass.

The house revenue committee met early today to take up the senate bill extending broad powers to the state tax commission and curbing the authority of boards of review.

Senator Wheeler's bill to remove hundreds of jobs from civil service came out of committee and went to second reading in the house.

Final efforts to save the Wheeler bill creating the office of county health commissioner under appointment by the governor resulted in provisions to establish 25 district health commissioners, jobs for which an appropriation of \$100,000 is made in the omnibus bill, now in conference.

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But he gives twice who gives quickly.

CONSTANTINE IN SMYRNA TO LEAD HIS ARMY

Greek King Is Lonely; People Curious; He Can't Go Bathing.

Smyrna, June 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is improbable that the Greek offensive against the Turkish Nationalists will be started for several weeks, King Constantine declared to the Associated Press yesterday. He said he would not go to the front before July 3, and that he did not expect to return to Athens until August.

The Greek army now numbers 200,000 fighting men in Anatolia, and it has 100,000 reserves. The Nationalists, it is estimated, have less than 100,000.

Constantine does not find life in Smyrna very cheerful. He lamented the fact that he could not go bathing owing to the curiosity of the people and said that during his hours of loneliness he played bridge.

Can't Play Poker.

"I don't know the American game of poker," the king remarked. "I once played, but I didn't know the value of the cards I held and had to bluff my way through, but I won."

Constantine, in the course of a half hour's conversation, discussed everything from religion and superstition to the high cost of living and the beauty of Turkish women.

In front of the house at the time several hundred persons had gathered to catch a glimpse of the first king to come to Smyrna since the days of the Byzantine emperors.

Soldiers Cheer Him.

The king, who has just arrived here to take direct part in the impending clash between the Greeks and the Turks, declared the Greek army was not receiving any assistance from the British government. All that the British had done, he said, was to approve certain requisitions for a limited quantity of munitions from private firms.

While the king was talking a battalion of Greeks from Smyrna landed at the pier nearby and "long live our father and king" was the cry that went up. Constantine acknowledged the salutations by arising and bowing. Then turning to the correspondent, he said:

Scolds at Abdication.

"It doesn't look as though I'd abdicate, does it?"

The king asked to be excused from discussing politics.

"Now that I'm away from Athens I want to forget the cares and worries of state," he said. "Don't ask me about American or foreign recognition because I do not care two cents about it. I've been humiliated enough by the Allied governments. Let them do as they please."

CHOKES WIFE; TRIES SUICIDE

Woman, 65, Is Dead—Husband in Hospital With Throat Cut; Will Recover.

Dixon, Ill., June 16.—Mrs. Ezra Reynolds of Paw Paw, aged 65, is dead and her husband is in a hospital with his throat cut, the result, authorities believe, of Reynolds' inebriated worry over the death of their son, Fulton, in the World war. Mrs. Reynolds was found dead in bed at her home late yesterday when neighbors, noting the absence of signs of life about the house, investigated. Marks on her head and throat indicate, authorities declare, that she was beaten and choked to death. Reynolds was found in the barn in a semi-conscious condition, but it is said he will live. He has refused to talk.

Confess Murder.

In the hospital at Compton this morning, Reynolds confessed to choking his wife to death, the authorities say. He said they had quarreled Tuesday night, that he seized her by the throat and did not relinquish his grasp even when in their struggles the two fell down a flight of stairs.

NORTHWESTERN TRAIN GOES THROUGH BRIDGE OVER FLOODED CREEK

BAR REPORTERS FROM HEARING STILLMAN CASE

Four More "Surprise" Witnesses Produced By Attorneys.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 16.—(United Press.)—Great precautions to insure "secrecy" were taken today when hearings in the Stillman divorce case were resumed shortly before noon.

Reporters were barred from the building containing Referee Gleason's offices, where the hearings were held, and an effort was made to smuggle witnesses in without encountering newspaper photographers or writers.

Lawyers Fear "Leak."

No explanation was given, but it was assumed there has been protest by some of the attorneys regarding "leaks."

Among the witnesses called by Stillman's counsel today were: Alec Callendar, chauffeur for Mrs. Stillman during the winter of 1918, and a man named Burdy, who succeeded Bernard Kelley as superintendent of the Stillman estate at Pleasantville.

Two other "surprise" witnesses were a Mr. and Mrs. Laylor, caretakers of the "Blue Cottage" on the Pleasantville estate. It was in this cottage, Kelley testified late yesterday, that Mrs. Stillman and Fred Beauvais, French-Canadian guide, are alleged to have spent much time in each other's company in the late winter and early spring of 1918. Guy, who is alleged to be Beauvais' child, was born in November, 1918.

Kelley was accompanied to the hearings today by his wife Irene, who is expected to testify.

French-Canadians Arrive.

Four more "surprise" witnesses were produced by Stillman's counsel shortly before noon recess today. An aged man and three middle-aged women, obviously French-Canadians, arrived in the automobile of Cornelius J. Sullivan, the banker's chief attorney, accompanied by a private detective. They were expected to testify regarding Mrs. Stillman's alleged relations with Beauvais on the Stillman farm near Three Rivers, Quebec.

Three Coaches in Water.

The Northwestern train was bound from Lander, Wyo., to Omaha, Neb., on a branch line. The engine and several coaches had safely passed over the bridge before the structure collapsed.

The three coaches were hurled into the mad flood waters of Cottonwood creek, whose waters have destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property in the northwest part of the state in the last three weeks.

Rescue work was impossible for several hours after the disaster because of the swollen stream. Those imprisoned in the coaches cried in vain for help.

Doctors and Nurses Arrive.

Relief trains with doctors and nurses on board and laden with first aid supplies, arrived at the scene shortly after daylight.

The dead were removed to Chadron, Neb.

The injured were being rushed to a hospital at Hot Springs, S. D.

J. H. Newell, Springfield, Mo., was listed as among those seriously injured.

The heaviest injuries and probable loss of life is believed to have occurred among passengers in the smoker and one of the day coaches. One Pullman is reported hanging precariously on the left bank of the creek and is liable to plunge into the surging waters at any moment. All passengers in this car are said to have escaped.

Rescue Workers Helpless.

Rescue workers are helpless, according to word received here. Dragging and diving for bodies perhaps imprisoned in the submerged coaches is impossible because of the strong current of the creek, dispatchers said.

Arists from Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa, are going over their machines preparatory to "hopping off" for the scene of the accident to offer their assistance in rescue work.

COURT STAYS LANE HANGING

Supreme Body Grants Writ of Habeas Corpus in Case of East St. Louis Boy.

Springfield, Ill., June 16.—A writ of superseades staying execution of death sentence upon Alfred Lane, who is sentenced to hang in East St. Louis June 24, was granted by the supreme court this morning. Lane was convicted upon an alleged confession which he later repudiated as having been forced from him by "third degree" methods.

He is charged with killing a man in a holdup last November.

HOOPER HELPS FARMERS.

Washington, June 16.—Secretary Hoover announced preliminary work to make storage certificates on grain available to the farmers as credit collateral had been completed.

GOVERNOR IS FINED—ALMOST

Duluth, Minn., June 16.—Governor J. A. O. Prew was requested to report at police headquarters for parking his automobile in a restricted area here. When informed that the chief executive of Minnesota "had no intention of violating the law," the police captain said, "forget it" and tore up the tax.

Death List May Be Increased—Many Passengers Unaccounted for.

Omaha, Neb., June 16.—(United Press.)—The known dead in the wreck of the Chicago & Northwestern passenger train which plunged into Cottonwood Creek near Crawford, Neb., reached five, according to reports received here today.